

What is Claimed Is:

1. A terminal disposed on a carrier strip, said terminal comprising:

a contact portion; and

5 a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion having a generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion meets said carrier strip, said squared shoulder facilitating cutting said terminal completely from said carrier strip.

10 2. A terminal in accordance with claim 1 wherein said round barrel portion of said terminal is attached to said carrier strip at two distinct points and said generally round barrel portion has a generally squared shoulder at each of said distinct points.

15 3. A terminal in accordance with claim 1 wherein said terminal further comprises an intermediate portion disposed between said contact portion and said barrel portion.

20 4. A carrier strip integrally connecting and including a plurality of terminals, each of said plurality of terminals comprising a contact portion and a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion having a generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion meets said carrier strip, said squared shoulder facilitating  
25 the complete removal of said terminals from said carrier strip.

5. A carrier strip in accordance with claim 4 wherein each of said plurality of terminals further comprises an intermediate portion disposed between said contact portion

and said barrel portion.

6. A carrier strip in accordance with claim 4 wherein said plurality of terminals are integrally connected with links of said carrier strip and said terminals are arranged  
5 on said carrier strip such that there are first and last end terminals with a plurality of intermediate terminals disposed between said end terminals on said carrier strip, wherein each of said end terminals includes a barrel portion having a single generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion  
10 meets one of said links of said carrier strip and each of said intermediate terminals includes a barrel portion having a pair of generally squared shoulders generally diametrically opposed on said barrel portion such that each shoulder meets one of said links of said carrier strip.

15 7. A method for terminating an insulated wire having an insulated portion and exposed end with a terminal from a carrier strip, said terminal including a contact portion, a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion including a generally squared  
20 shoulder where said barrel portion meets said carrier strip, and an intermediate portion disposed between said contact portion and said barrel portion, said method comprising the following steps:

inserting said insulated wire having an exposed end into  
25 said terminal such that said exposed end is inserted substantially into said intermediate portion of said terminal and in electrical contact with said contact portion of said terminal and said insulated portion is inserted substantially into said barrel portion of said terminal;

30 crimping said intermediate portion of said terminal over

said exposed end portion of said wire such that said contact between said contact portion of said terminal and said exposed wire portion is maintained; and

cutting said terminal completely from said carrier strip  
5 by shearing said barrel portion of said terminal at said generally squared shoulder.

8. A method for terminating in accordance with claim 7 wherein said crimping and cutting steps are reversed in order.

10 9. A method for terminating in accordance with claim 7 wherein said crimping and cutting steps are substantially simultaneous.

10. A method for terminating in accordance with claim 7 wherein said crimping and cutting steps are performed by a  
15 single die having both a crimping implement and a cutting implement.